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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert --This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/NO96/00266, which has an International filing date of Nov. 13, 1996, which designated the United States of America, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by references.--